

HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mickey Bilbrey for his meritorious service to the University of Tennessee and the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as excellent public servants and who give freely of their time and resources for the betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Mickey Bilbrey, who has tirelessly served the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Mickey Bilbrey has served the University of Tennessee (UT) for over twenty years with the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association and the UT private gift fund raising program; and

WHEREAS, committed to education, Mickey Bilbrey has served as Vice Chancellor for Development for UT Memphis; and

WHEREAS, as Associate Vice Chancellor for the UT Medical Center in Knoxville, Mr. Bilbrey directed the development of a primary care network of referring physicians, a network of satellite and auxiliary facilities, and joint ventures with physicians for patient care options; and

WHEREAS, as founding President and CEO of University Health System, Incorporated, Mr. Bilbrey managed the successful transition of operations and leadership of the UT Medical Center to University Health System, Inc. (UHS); and

WHEREAS, during his five-year tenure as President and CEO of UHS, more than \$120 million was invested in people, programs, and facilities at the UT Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, one of 161 teaching hospitals and academic medical centers in the United States, the University of Tennessee Medical Center is recognized for its excellent teaching, ground-breaking research, and compassionate patient care; and

WHEREAS, evincing great commitment to community service, Mickey Bilbrey has served on the board of the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership, the Great Smokey Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts, Nine Counties, One Vision, and the Wellness Community of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mickey Bilbrey is most thankful for the love and companionship of his wonderful wife, Milla Drumright Bilbrey; this holy union has been blessed with a son, Chris, a graduate of the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bilbrey exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mickey Bilbrey for his dedication to serving the citizens of Tennessee with the utmost integrity, acumen, and alacrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and commend Mickey Bilbrey for his meritorious service to the people of this great State and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.